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Technology

Bicycle trail route planning gets smart: Phone app enlisted to help map future routes.

http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/ci_17994086

Download Mount Diablo Free audio tours. GPS map is available for hikers and drivers.

http://www.pleasantonweekly.com/news/show_story.php?id=6725

California Recreational Trails System

A field guide is being developed for the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.

<http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/866011503/writing-a-field-guide-to-the-pacific-crest-trail>

Eaton Trail (extension of San Joaquin River Trail) in Fresno reignites debate for walkers, runners and cyclists.

<http://www.fresnobee.com/2011/04/27/2367077/eaton-trail-extension-reignites.html#ixzz1KqC7kJCg>

A Native American tribe and a state agency are vying to become long-term stewards of a 2,300-acre area in the Humbug Valley, just east of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/04/18/3559637/maidu-group-vies-with-state-to.html#ixzz1NxYLcfVS>

Local residents, public and non-profit agencies come together to help maintain a section of Pacific Crest Trail to mark Earth Day.

http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/newsbytes/2011/480extra_earthday_pct.html

The Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail hosted a lecture series this past spring. [Read about the event](#)

The City of Santa Clara opened Discovery Park, which includes a 1/4 mile extension of the Santa Clara River Trail, trail parking, water and shade. With this access and extension, visitors are able to access over 14 miles of existing Santa Clara River Trail.

<http://www.santa-clarita.com/index.aspx?page=778>

The California Recreational Trails Committee, established in 1974 under the Recreational Trails Act, may disband next year under recently adopted sunset legislation. Information about this committee is available at:

http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=22498. The committee's next, and potentially last, public meeting is scheduled for April 2012 in Woodland Hills.

<http://www.alysonhuber.com/ending-waste-fraud/huber-legislation-to-streamline-government-signed-by-governor> provides information about the statute that will terminate the committee.

Trails in the Media

An effort to develop interstate bike corridors — such as Bicycle Route Interstate 87, which would cover roughly the same ground as I-5, and Bicycle Route Interstate 95 which would shadow Highway 101 down the Oregon Coast — is getting new life.

http://www.sustainablebusinessoregon.com/articles/2011/06/interstate-bike-highway-effort-reappears.html?surround=etf&ana=e_article

Tales of trails at Tahoe: Biking roots run deep in area seemingly made for two-wheelers.

<http://www.theunion.com/article/20110423/SPORTS/110429865/1075&parentprofile=1054>

Improvements continue at Clear Creek Greenway, the trail system and recreation area located between Redding and Igo.

<http://anewscafe.com/2011/04/15/work-continues-on-clear-creek-greenway/>

There are opportunities to horseback ride on trails and in parks.

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/05/12/3619517/you-can-do-this-horseback-riding.html>

Volunteers from the Desert Trails Coalition, USDA Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management teamed up to reclaim the Old Art Smith Trail as part of the effort to protect endangered Peninsular Ranges bighorn sheep and their habitat within the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument.

http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/newsbytes/2011/480extra_earthday_art_trail.html

Explore Shoreline Trail at China Camp before it closes.

http://www.marinij.com/sports/ci_18096990

Alden Olmsted has a plan to save California's beleaguered State Parks, a dollar at a time.

<http://www.theunion.com/article/20110526/NEWS/110529868/1066&ParentProfile=1053>

County officials unveil plans for extending Lake Tahoe's bicycle trail network.

<http://www.sierrasun.com/article/20110504/NEWS/110509958/1001&parentprofile=1051>

An outbreak of a fatal horse virus spreads To California – This could impact trail use throughout the State.

<http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2011/05/17/outbreak-of-fatal-horse-virus-spreads-to-california/>

Scenic Green Valley, California tract will remain open space. This land connects with the 800,000-acre Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area and forms a huge corridor of open space with the potential for a regional trail system and numerous recreational opportunities for the public.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/06/14/MNIM1JOD1E.DTL#ixzz1Q24wn9Tr>

Open to all: Deer Creek Tribute Trail opens public lands in Nevada City, California.

<http://www.theunion.com/article/20110601/NEWS/110539964/1060&parentprofile=1060>

Research

The Core Measures of Trail Use is a comprehensive core set of questionnaire items that measure perceived trail use (for recreation and transportation) and perceived factors that may influence trail use in different populations.

<http://www.activelivingresearch.org/node/10653>

Contribution of Trails/Paths to Adults' Physical Activity: This study has two principle aims: 1) to determine the amount and proportion of moderate and vigorous physical activity conducted on trails among adults; and 2) to examine the relationships between the physical characteristics of trails and the level of use.

<http://www.activelivingresearch.org/node/9875>

National Recreation and Park Association created a synopsis of 2010 research papers that shows the health, economic and social impacts of parks, recreation and trails.

http://www.nrpa.org/research-papers/?utm_source=research_2011&utm_medium=email&utm_term=may6&utm_content=full_list&utm_campaign=eml_research_2011_papers_synopsis_may6

Funding

Applications for technical assistance from the National Park Service for conservation and recreation planning are being accepted until August

1. http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca/contactus/cu_apply.html

Several grant opportunities are announced at: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1008

Events

The San Diego Council of Governments released a draft of its Transportation Plan. Comments are accepted until June 30.

<http://www.sandag.org/index.asp?projectid=349&fuseaction=projects.detail>

CicLAvia: For five hours, the sound of roaring engines and blaring horns gave way to the quiet whirl of spinning bicycle wheels on seven miles of streets between East Hollywood and Boyle Heights.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-ciclavia-20110411,0,3875654.story>

Is it possible to live in the Bay Area without a car? Yes it is! It is also possible to ride to the tops of three Bay Area peaks in one day without a car. On the longest Saturday in 2011 a group of riders took their bikes to the tops of Mount Hamilton, Mount Tamalpais, and Mount Diablo and use trains and ferries to get between the three mountains. It's the 2nd annual Triple Threat bike challenge. Check out Transit and Trails to find out more:

<http://www.transitandtrails.org/triplethreat/>

American Trails, together with PlayCore and the Natural Learning Initiative, held a Pathways for Play Webinar: Engaging kids and families on the trail. Learn more on their website.

<http://www.pathwaysforplay.org/>

The [Tahoe Rim Trail Association](#) and [Sierra Nevada Journeys](#) are teaming up to offer teens a chance to explore mountains, vistas, and valleys while developing outdoor leadership and trail building skills. **Please note that **scholarships** are available on a first come first serve basis. Apply today!*

http://www.tahoerimtrail.org/index.php?option=com_eventbooking&task=view_category&category_id=22&Itemid=303

Marin County Bicycles Coalition offers bicycle classes just for women; taught by women. The classes help improve your confidence and knowledge, learn to turn and shift, gain the confidence to bike around cars, learn to climb and descend hills. To know more, look at <http://www.marinbike.org/News/Bulletin/20110622.shtml#WOW>

Trail Improvements

Construction of the Iron Horse Trailhead in the East Bay Regional Park District is scheduled for this summer. This trailhead will provide parking for passenger cars as well as an equestrian staging area with parking for horse trailers, a shade structure and information kiosk. A one-half mile extension of the Santa Clara River Trail and an access to the recently converted railroad bridge will also be completed as part of the construction. http://www.ebparks.org/parks/trails/iron_horse

Volunteer with organizations that support trails!

[American Trails](#)

[Coastside Landtrust](#)

[Landpaths](#)

[Greenbelt Alliance](#)

[East Bay Regional Park District](#)

[California State Parks/Volunteers in Parks](#)

[Placer Land Trust](#)

[Coastwalk](#)

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